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The recent wildland fires in Southern California have severely impacted our region. Hundreds of homes and thousands of acres have burned. To assist the residents with the permit process associated with rebuilding their homes, it is important that Los Angeles County establish a coordinated system so that all Departments work together to ensure that the necessary permits are processed efficiently and in a timely fashion. The Federal and State governments have declared an emergency due to these devastating fires. Los Angeles County needs to coordinate with the appropriate Federal and State agencies to establish local offices to provide a centralized location for residents to gain information and support. In addition, it is important that all of the impacted County Departments, including but not limited to, the Community Development Commission, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Social Services, work together to provide assistance to those impacted by the fire.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THIS BOARD, direct the Office of Emergency

Management to:

1. Coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State Office of Emergency Services, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, the Los Angeles County Health Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department to establish a local field office

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in each of the locations impacted by the fire for residents to seek assistance in obtaining loans or other services as a result of the fire and for the County Departments to expedite the permit process associated with rebuilding of the homes lost in the fire;

2. Coordinate with other County Departments, including, but not limited to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, the Department of Public Social Services and the Department of Mental Health to provide necessary services to residents impacted by the fires.

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